

- * Wheat harvested for grain which was double-cropped to either cotton or soybeans.
- ** Approximately 30 nurseries.
- *** Conservation Reserve Program. (Note: Hurricane Ivan damaged a number of tree plantings that had to be clear-cut and taken out of the program.)
- **** Amount paid by FSA for disaster payments, conservation programs and for participation in voluntary farm programs in cotton, corn, grain sorghum, oats, and wheat.
- ***** Approximately 4,400 acres of cropland were either left fallow or lost to development.

Santa Rosa County AG Facts

- 1) Florida's leader in conservation tillage. Growers continued to expand the adoption of conservation tillage in 2005 to approximately 31,500 acres (16,000 ac. cotton and 15,500 ac. peanuts).
- 2) Florida's leader in cotton production. In 1993, we were the U.S. leader in dryland cotton production.
- 3) Florida's leader in peanut yields.
- 4) Leads the state in farmer participation in the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) with over 300 contracts.
- 5) Leads the state with the number of acres of Class I farmland.
- 6) The Santa Rosa County Farm Tour began in 1966 and is the longest running annual farm tour in the state. This is the 40th consecutive year.

Excess rainfall during late April and early May delayed cotton planting and stand establishment in most fields until after mid-May. Hurricane Dennis struck the county on July 10 resulting in extensive crop damage, which further delayed crop maturity. Adequate rainfall and good growing conditions followed until August 29 when winds from Hurricane Katrina caused additional crop damage. Adverse weather severely limited peanut production and potential record yields for cotton.

2005 Precipitation in Inches

(West Florida Research and Education Center, Jay Research Farm)

	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Apr.</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Dec.</u>
57-yr.	3.76	3.60	9.21	12.18	3.13	6.87	17.82	7.37	5.33	0.06	4.46	3.76
Avg.	5.28	4.98	6.49	4.81	4.19	7.58	7.97	6.47	6.57	3.62	4.47	4.97

Total Rainfall

<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>57-yr. Avg.</u>
87.17	65.42	70.19	77.29	53.07	52.13	55.02	69.03	69.51	75.13	77.55	67.38

2005 Temperature °F

Max.	76.6	80.2	84.3	83.1	94.5	93.7	94.7	94.2	95.2	87.3	82.3	77.4
Min.	23.9	29.3	33.4	39.9	50.7	63.9	69.2	68.6	61.3	34.6	30.4	26.5